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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ PLANS TO MEET WITH THREE OTHER HEADS OF STATE IN THE REMAINING MONTHS OF 1976. NO MEETING WITH THE CHILEAN PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SET. END SUMMARY.

1. THE LIMA PRESS HAS REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON THE UPCOMING STATE VISIT OF HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT PAL LASONCCZI. PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT LEAST TWICE WITH LASONCCZI DURING A FIVE-DAY VISIT SET FOR MID-OCTOBER.

2. MEETINGS WITH LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS ARE ALSO IN THE OFFING. AS PART OF A POLICY OF CLOSER TIES WITH LATIN AMERICA ANNOUNCED IN LATE MARCH AND REITERATED IN HIS JULY 28 INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH (LIMA 6898), PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ PLANS TO MEET WITH BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT GEISEL AND VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE MEETING WITH GEISEL WILL

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TAKE PLACE IN EARLY NOVEMBER PROBABLY AT TABATINGA ON THE

AMAZONIAN BORDER BETWEEN BRAZIL AND PERU.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 10 FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE CONFIRMED EARLIER PRESS REPORTS THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ WILL VISIT CARACAS SOMETIME IN DECEMBER. THE MEETING WITH PEREZ, TO FORMALIZE A 1973 BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON HYDRAULIC RESOURCES, WILL BE MORALES BERMUDEZ' FIRST FOREIGN TRAVEL SINCE ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY OVER A YEAR AGO.

4. FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPORTS THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ WOULD MEET SOON WITH HIS BOLIVIAN AND CHILEAN COUNTER-PARTS, ON SEPTEMBER 6 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PUBLISHED AN OFFICIAL DENIAL THAT THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS INCLUDE SUCH A MEETING. THE RUMOR WAS SPARKED BY THE RECENT RADIO-PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MORALES BERMUDEZ AND PINOCHET (LIMA 7939) AND BY THE ONGOING BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS ON A POSSIBLE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA. DESPITE THE OFFICIAL DENIAL, PRIME MINISTER ARBULU IN A PRESS INTERVIEW WITH RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT OF MEXICO CITY'S EXCELSIOR STATED THAT PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ WAS CONSIDERING A MEETING WITH PINOCHET AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT. DEAN

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